UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA FOURTH DIVISION

In re:	Case No.: 04-40720
Russell S. Crawford, and Lisa R. Crawford,	Chapter 13 Case
Debtor(s).	

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION TO WITHDRAW

TO: All parties in interest pursuant to Local Rule 9013-3.

- 1. Jasmine Z. Keller, Chapter 13 Trustee (the "Trustee"), by and through her undersigned counsel, makes the following response to the Notice of Hearing and Motion to Withdraw (the "Motion").
- 2. The court will hold a hearing on the Motion at 10:30 a.m. on October 6, 2004, in Courtroom No. 7 West, United States Courthouse, 300 South 4th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 3. As of September 22, 2004, the debtor(s) have paid a total of \$4,950 to the Trustee. The debtors are current in payments to the Trustee, through the month of August 2004. The debtors' Chapter 13 plan was confirmed on July 8, 2004.
- 4. There is pending before this Court a motion for relief from the automatic stay, filed by Ameriquest Mortgage Co., which is scheduled for hearing on September 23, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The deadlines for responding to the motion for relief from stay have passed and no response has been filed by the debtors. With the exception of the pending motion for relief from the automatic stay, there do not appear to be any other matters or proceedings pending in this case before this Court.
- 5. Although a potential violation of Rule 1.7 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (the "Rules"), regarding conflicts of interest, is a basis for mandatory withdrawal under Rule 1.16(a) of the Rules, the Motion is vague as to the specific nature of the alleged conflict of interest. The Trustee leaves it to the discretion of the Court whether to grant the Motion on the basis of the written record only.
- 6. The attorneys for Ameriquest Mortgage Co. have filed a request for notices under FRBP 2002 and 9010, but it does not appear that the Motion was served on them. The Movant should serve these attorneys with the Motion and file proof of such service with the clerk of bankruptcy court.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee states that she does not oppose the court's granting the relief requested in the Motion.

Jasmine Z. Keller, Chapter 13 Trustee

Dated: September 22, 2004 Signed: <u>/e/ Thomas E. Johnson</u>

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VERIFICATION

I, Thomas E. Johnson, employed by Jasmine Z. Keller, the Chapter 13 Trustee, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: September 22, 2004 Signed: /e/ Thomas E. Johnson

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UNSWORN DECLARATION FOR PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Thomas E. Johnson, employed by Jasmine Z. Keller, Chapter 13 Trustee, declare that on September 22, 2004, I served Trustee's Response to Notice of Hearing and Motion for Leave to Withdraw on the individual(s) listed below, in the manner described:

By e-mail:

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Household Bank and its assigns by eCAST Settlment Corp., as its agent Becket and Lee LLP, Attorneys/Agent P.O. Box 35480 Newark, NJ 07193-5480

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed: September 22, 2004 /e/ Thomas E. Johnson